



## Senate

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Assembly

**File No. 538**

*February Session, 2010*

Substitute Senate Bill No. 376

*Senate, April 14, 2010*

The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Education,
- 2 having reviewed applications for state grants for public school
- 3 building projects in accordance with section 10-283 of the general
- 4 statutes on the basis of priorities for such projects and standards for
- 5 school construction established by the State Board of Education, and
- 6 having prepared a listing of all such eligible projects ranked in order of
- 7 priority, including a separate schedule of previously authorized
- 8 projects which have changed substantially in scope or cost, as
- 9 determined by said commissioner together with the amount of the
- 10 estimated grant with respect to each eligible project, and having
- 11 submitted such listing of eligible projects, prior to December 15, 2009,
- 12 to a committee of the General Assembly established under section
- 13 10-283a of the general statutes for the purpose of reviewing such

14 listing, is hereby authorized to enter into grant commitments on behalf  
15 of the state in accordance with said section 10-283 with respect to the  
16 priority listing of such projects and in such estimated amounts as  
17 approved by said committee prior to February 1, 2010, as follows:

18 (1) Estimated Grant Commitments.

T1	District	Estimated	Estimated
T2	School	Project Costs	Grant
T3	Project Number		
T4			
T5	Bolton		
T6	Bolton High School		
T7	012-0039 EA/RR	\$25,412,359	\$13,885,313
T8			
T9	Fairfield		
T10	Stratfield School		
T11	051-0121 EA	\$17,565,000	\$4,515,962
T12			
T13	Meriden		
T14	Hanover School		
T15	080-0091 EA	\$7,290,700	\$5,624,046
T16			
T17	Capitol Region Education Council		
T18	Reggio Magnet School of the Arts		
T19	241-0095 MAG/N/PS	\$30,069,500	\$28,566,025
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T21	Capitol Region Education Council		
T22	CREC Med. Prof. & Teacher Prep.		
T23	241-0096 MAG/N/PS	\$52,115,425	\$49,509,654
T24			
T25	Capitol Region Education Council		
T26	Greater Httfd Public Safety Academy		
T27	241-0097 MAG/N/PS	\$66,486,125	\$63,161,818
T28			

T29	Capitol Region Education Council		
T30	International Magnet School		
T31	for Global Citizenship		
T32	241-0098 MAG/N/PS	\$26,264,305	\$24,951,090
T33			
T34	East Granby		
T35	R. Dudley Seymour School		
T36	040-0029 EA/RR	\$10,307,000	\$4,638,150
T37			
T38	Hartford		
T39	Bellizzi Middle School		
T40	064-0298 EA/RR	\$13,000,000	\$10,400,000
T41			
T42	Hartford		
T43	M.D. Fox Elementary School		
T44	064-0299 A/EC	\$54,337,500	\$43,470,000
T45			
T46	Hartford		
T47	Bulkeley High School		
T48	064-0300 A	\$700,000	\$560,000
T49			
T50	New Fairfield		
T51	Meeting House Hill School		
T52	091-0042 EA/RR	\$27,612,208	\$9,763,677
T53			
T54	Seymour		
T55	Paul Chatfield School		
T56	124-0054 EA/RR	\$32,500,000	\$19,617,000
T57			
T58	Stratford		
T59	Honeyspot House		
T60	(Stratford Academy)		
T61	138-0094 N	\$13,850,654	\$7,815,924
T62			
T63	Waterford		

T64	Waterford High School		
T65	152-0102 EA	\$68,362,787	\$23,680,869
T66			
T67	West Haven		
T68	West Haven High School		
T69	156-0138 EA	\$109,279,000	\$82,352,654
T70			
T71	Winchester		
T72	Pearson Middle School		
T73	162-0040 A	\$250,000	\$175,900
T74			
T75	Regional School District 18		
T76	Lyme		
T77	Old Lyme High School		
T78	218-0035 EA/RR	\$47,790,000	\$17,065,809
T79			
T80	Bolton		
T81	Central Administration (BHS)		
T82	012-0038 BE/EA	\$830,141	\$226,795
T83			
T84	Clinton		
T85	The Morgan School		
T86	027-0058 EC	\$630,700	\$274,796
T87			
T88	East Granby		
T89	Allgrove School		
T90	040-0028 A/EC	\$1,384,524	\$623,036
T91			
T92	East Granby		
T93	Central Administration		
T94	040-0030 BE/A/EC	\$58,482	\$13,158
T95			
T96	East Haven		
T97	Joseph Melillo Middle School		
T98	044-0067 A/EC	\$900,000	\$610,740

T99			
T100	East Haven		
T101	Momauguin School		
T102	044-0068 A/EC	\$300,000	\$203,580
T103			
T104	East Haven		
T105	Deer Run School		
T106	044-0069 A/EC	\$400,000	\$271,440
T107			
T108	East Haven		
T109	Overbrook School		
T110	044-0070 A/EC	\$300,000	\$203,580
T111			
T112	Manchester		
T113	Martin School		
T114	077-0226 A/RR	\$532,500	\$346,125
T115			
T116	West Haven		
T117	Central Administration (Main St)		
T118	156-0137 BE/A	\$3,500,000	\$1,318,800
T119			
T120	Connecticut Science Center		
T121	Connecticut Science Center		
T122	648-0002 MAG/A/EC	\$2,930,000	\$2,783,500
T123	Grand Totals (29 projects)		

19 (2) Previously Authorized Projects That Have Changed  
 20 Substantially in Scope or Cost which are Seeking First Reauthorization.

T124	School District	Authorized	Requested
T125	School		
T126	Project Number		
T127			
T128	Montville		
T129	Central Administration		
T130	086-0090 BE/A		

T131	Estimated Total Project Costs	\$387,910	\$491,010
T132	Estimated Total Grant	\$137,844	\$174,480
T133			
T134	Stamford		
T135	Environmental Studies Magnet		
T136	135-0259 MAG/N		
T137	Estimated Total Project Costs	\$58,000,000	\$60,834,963
T138	Estimated Total Grant	\$55,100,000	\$57,793,215

21 (3) Previously Authorized Project That Has Changed Substantially  
 22 in Scope or Cost which is Seeking Second Reauthorization.

T139	School District	Authorized	Requested
T140	School		
T141	Project Number		
T142			
T143	Montville		
T144	Montville High School		
T145	086-0085 EA		
T146	Estimated Total Project Costs	\$21,482,527	\$24,704,969
T147	Estimated Total Grant	\$14,040,980	\$16,147,168
T148			
T149	Waterbury		
T150	Duggan School		
T151	151-0252 RNV/E		
T152	Estimated Total Project Costs	\$31,900,000	\$36,100,000
T153	Estimated Total Grant	\$24,722,500	\$27,977,500

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

The title was changed to accurately reflect the contents of the bill.

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*Joint Favorable C/R*

**FIN**

**FIN**      *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 11 \$	FY 12 \$
Education, Dept.	GO Bonds - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GO Bonds=General Obligation Bonds

#### **Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 11 \$	FY 12 \$
Various Municipalities	Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

### **Explanation**

The bill approves state grant commitments for school construction projects on the education commissioner's project priority list. This authorizes \$416.6 million in state grant commitments for 29 new school construction projects of various types. It also reauthorizes a total of 4 previously authorized projects. These projects have changed substantially (more than 10%) in cost or scope. The reauthorizations increase state grant commitments by a net \$8.09 million from the amounts previously authorized for these projects. The total cost of the state's share of the priority list is anticipated to be approximately \$647.7 million; this includes \$424.69 million in principal payments, and \$223.0 million in interest payments. The state cost of \$424.69 million represents a revenue gain to various municipalities whose projects are included on the priority list.

### **The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the bond payment schedule.



**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 376****AN ACT CONCERNING STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.****SUMMARY:**

The General Assembly annually authorizes state grant commitments for new school construction projects and reauthorizes grant commitments for previously authorized projects with scope or cost changes exceeding 10%.

This bill authorizes \$416.6 million in grant commitments for 29 new local school construction and interdistrict magnet school projects. It also reauthorizes and increases grant commitments for four previously authorized projects with significant changes in cost and scope. Two are being reauthorized for the first time and two for the second. (By law, districts are limited to two reauthorizations.) The total increase in grant commitments for the reauthorizations is \$8.09 million.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**SCHOOL PROJECTS*****New Authorizations***

Table 1 lists the 29 new projects authorized.

**Table 1: New School Construction Projects Authorized**

<i>District</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>	<i>Estimated Grant</i>	<i>State Reimbursement</i>
Bolton	Bolton High School	Extension & alteration/roof replacement	\$25,412,359	\$13,885,313	54.64%
Bolton	Central Administration (BHS)	Board of education, central administration facility, extension & alteration	830,141	226,795	27.20%
Capitol Region Education	Reggio Magnet School of the Arts	New construction/ Interdistrict magnet school	30,069,500	28,566,025	95.0%

<i>District</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>	<i>Estimated Grant</i>	<i>State Reimbursement</i>
Council (CREC)					
CREC	CREC Medical Profession & Teacher Prep.	New construction/ Interdistrict magnet school	52,115,425	49,509,654	95.0%
CREC	Greater Hartford Public Safety Academy	New construction/ Interdistrict magnet school	66,486,125	63,161,818	95.0%
CREC	International Magnet School for Global Citizenship	New construction/ Interdistrict magnet school	26,264,305	24,951,090	95.0%
Clinton	The Morgan School	Energy conservation	630,700	274,796	43.57%
Connecticut Science Center	Connecticut Science Center	Alteration/energy conservation/ interdistrict magnet school	2,930,000	2,783,500	95.0%
East Granby	R. Dudley Seymour School	Extension & alteration/roof replacement	10,307,000	4,638,150	
East Granby	Allgrove School	Alteration/energy conservation	1,384,524	623,036	45.0%
East Granby	Central Administration	Board of education, central administration facility, alteration & energy conservation	58,482	13,158	22.5%
East Haven	Joseph Melillo Middle School	Alteration/energy conservation	900,000	610,740	67.86%
East Haven	Momauguin School	Alteration/energy conservation	300,000	203,580	67.86%
East Haven	Deer Run School	Alteration/energy conservation	400,000	271,440	67.86%
East Haven	Overbrook School	Alteration/energy conservation	300,000	203,580	67.86%
Fairfield	Stratfield School	Extension & alteration	17,565,000	4,515,962	25.71%
Hartford	Bellizzi Middle School	Extension & alteration/roof replacement	13,000,000	10,400,000	80.0%
Hartford	M.D. Fox Elementary School	Alteration/energy conservation	54,337,500	43,470,000	80.0%
Hartford	Bulkeley High School	Alteration	700,000	560,000	80.0%
Manchester	Martin School	Alteration/roof replacement	532,500	346,125	65.0%
Meriden	Hanover School	Extension & alteration	7,290,700	5,624,046	77.14%
New Fairfield	Meeting House Hill School	Extension & alteration/roof replacement	27,612,208	9,763,677	35.36%
Region 18	Lyme-Old Lyme High School	Extension & alteration/roof replacement	47,790,000	17,065,809	35.71%
Seymour	Paul Chatfield School	Extension & alteration/roof replacement	32,500,000	19,617,000	60.36%
Stratford	Honeyspot House (Stratford	New construction	13,850,654	7,815,924	56.43%

<i>District</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>	<i>Estimated Grant</i>	<i>State Reimbursement</i>
	Academy)				
Waterford	Waterford High School	Extension & alteration	68,362,787	23,680,869	34.64%
West Haven	West Haven High School	Extension & alteration	109,279,000	82,352,654	75.36%
West Haven	Central Administration (Main Street)	Board of education central administration facility/alteration	3,500,000	1,318,000	37.68%
Winchester	Pearson Middle School	Alteration	250,000	175,900	70.36%

### **Reauthorized Projects**

Table 2 lists the four projects proposed for reauthorization because of significant (more than 10%) change in cost or scope.

**Table 2: Reauthorization of Previously Authorized Projects**

<i>District</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Current Grant Authorization</i>	<i>Proposed Grant Authorization</i>	<i>Increase</i>
<b>FIRST REAUTHORIZATION</b>					
Montville	Central Administration	Board of education central administration facility/alteration	137,844	\$174,480	\$36,636
Stamford	Environmental Studies Magnet	New construction/inter-district magnet school	55,100,000	57,793,215	2,693,215
<b>SECOND REAUTHORIZATION</b>					
Montville	Montville High School	Extension/alteration	14,040,980	\$16,147,168	\$2,106,188
Waterbury	Duggan School	Renovation/extension	24,722,500	27,977,500	3,255,000

## **BACKGROUND**

### **School Construction Grants**

The state reimburses school districts for between 20% and 80% of the eligible costs of local school construction projects. The reimbursement rate depends mostly on town wealth but districts may receive a higher reimbursement for certain types of projects, such as those involving space for school-readiness programs or full-day kindergarten. In addition, certain types of interdistrict projects (vocational agricultural centers, regional special education facilities, and interdistrict magnet schools) are reimbursed at the rate of 95% of eligible costs. Districts also receive a 10-percentage-point bonus for projects undertaken in cooperation with one or more other districts. Board of education central administration facility projects are reimbursed at half the district's otherwise applicable rate.

Grants are payable from state general obligation bond funds.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

## Education Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 32 Nay 0 (03/19/2010)

## Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 55 Nay 0 (04/05/2010)